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In re Patent Application of: Alan W. H. Grant

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For: CONSTITUENCY VALUE EXCHANGE  
OPTIMIZATION METHOD

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

As an initial matter, the Applicant thanks Examiner Cang Thai for the Office Action dated March 22, 2006 (the "Office Action"). The Applicant's response to the Office Action is as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are provided on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

No amendments are being made to the **Figures, Specification** and **Abstract** of the Application.